

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. _____

1 Requesting the Legislative Transition Task Force to study procedures applicable to the
2 construction of new electricity generation facilities in the Commonwealth.

3 WHEREAS, the Legislative Transition Task Force was established pursuant to § 56-595
4 of the Code of Virginia to work collaboratively with the Commission in conjunction with the
5 phase-in of retail competition within the Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, an adequate supply of electricity is critical to the development of a
7 competitive market for electric generation services in Virginia; and

8 WHEREAS, the procedures applicable to the construction of electricity generation
9 facilities affect the length of time required to build new generation capacity; and

10 WHEREAS, the siting of electricity generation facilities is often the source of
11 controversy involving competing public objectives; and

12 WHEREAS, the effects of emissions from electricity generation facilities on air quality
13 are often cited as a major concern in their siting; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the Legislative
15 Transition Task Force be requested to study procedures applicable to the construction of new
16 electricity generation facilities in the Commonwealth. The Legislative Transition Task Force
17 shall recommend amendments to the Commonwealth's administrative and regulatory
18 procedures as are appropriate to facilitate the approval of construction of sufficient electricity
19 generation capacity to provide a competitive market for electricity in the Commonwealth as
20 soon as practical, without lessening necessary environmental considerations including siting
21 and air quality impacts.

22 Technical assistance shall be provided to the Legislative Transition Task Force by the
23 State Corporation Commission, the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, and the Secretary of

1 Natural Resources. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the
2 Legislative Transition Task Force for this study, upon request.

3 The Legislative Transition Task Force shall complete its work in time to submit its
4 findings and recommendations to the Governor and the 2002 Session of the General
5 Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for
6 the processing of legislative documents.

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